COLOMBIA

SECTOR: Agriculture

PROJECT NAME: Land Titling and Modernization of the Registry of Deeds and Cadastre

(1027/OC-CO)

TOTAL COST: \$104.0 million

FINANCING:

IDB \$38.5 million **LOCAL** \$65.5 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: July 16, 1997

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The program will consolidate an open, transparent land market in urban and

rural Colombia that functions expeditiously. Its objectives are to: (a) legalize ownership of urban and rural land parcels by issuing and recording deeds; (b) increase the certainty of property ownership by modernizing the deedrecording and cadastre systems; and (c) protect environmentally fragile areas and safeguard the collective rights of ethnic minorities against the potential

effects of land titling operations in rural areas.

The program consists of four components: (a) titling of uncultivated rural parcels of land; (b) deeding urban property; (c) modernizing deed-recording and cadastre systems; and (d) environmental protection in rural areas. Under the program, registered titles will be granted for some 100,000 parcels of uncultivated land in 200 rural municipalities; and 150,000 parcels of urban property in 50 municipalities. In addition, the systems in over 100 recording offices and 15 district cadastres will be computerized, with nearly 5 million paper records transferred to magnetic media. The program will also finance digital mapping and georeferencing for 1.5 million properties; as well as development of a geographic information system (GIS) to support the process of deeding rural lands. Areas of conflict will be demarcated into conservation areas of the National Parks System and legally protected indigenous territories.

CONSULTANTS: Consultants will be hired to undertake the following activities: (a) develop the

> monitoring system (local call for proposals [LCP], two lots); (b) conduct external auditing (LCP, multiple lots); (c) title and legally record deeds to uncultivated rural land (international call for proposals [ICP], multiple lots); (d) conduct studies on urban property titling (LCP, multiple lots); (e) title and legally record deeds to urban property (LCP, multiple lots); (f) provide specialized cadastral services (ICP, multiple lots); (g) study the quality of mapping, as well as provide training for surveyors and conduct a study on deed recording (LCP, three lots); (h) evaluate the legal, institutional and technical framework relating to the registry of deeds and cadastre, as well as develop protocols to set up an official land register (LCP, two lots); (I) survey and mark the boundaries of national parks, including signage (LCP/ICP, two lots); (j) conduct a study of the environmental and socioeconomic impact of rural land titling, as well as train field inspectors in those areas (LCP, multiple lots); (k) develop the GIS, including conducting a user needs assessment, and designing implementing the GIS (LCP/ICP, one/two lots); and (l) digitally mapping physically homogenous areas (LCP/ICP, two lots).

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: The following items will be procured: (a) equipment for processing, capturing

and producing graphic and alphanumeric cadastral data for the Agustín Codazzi National Survey Bureau (international competitive bidding [ICB], one

lot); (b) medium-precision GIS equipment (ICB, one lot); and (c) GIS

equipment for the environmental protection of rural areas component (ICB, one

lot).

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